

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed April 18, 2006 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowance of claim 37. Applicants are further grateful for the indication of allowability of claims 23-28, 32-35 and 39, subject to their re-writing in independent form. Claims 17 and 31 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 23 and 32, respectfully as requested by the examiner. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Request for Entry of Amendment

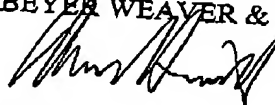
Entry of this Amendment will place the Application in better condition for allowance, or at the least, narrow any issues for an appeal. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is appropriate and is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,
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